



Get Ready for a Musical Journey, Kentucky-Style!

Music is as synonymous to Kentucky as horses, bourbon and outstanding scenery. While the state is best known for giving birth to the unique “high lonesome sound” of Bluegrass, Kentucky boasts an incredibly rich and diverse musical heritage with deep roots in other musical genres including folk, blues, gospel, jazz, opera and pop. So, pack your bags and head on over to the bluegrass state, where the varied landscape provides a beautiful backdrop for your musical journey.

Start your voyage by taking a trip down the [Kentucky Music Trail](#) in eastern Kentucky. The trail runs from [Berea](#), where you can visit the [Kentucky Artisan Center](#), as well as more than 50 galleries and shops; to [Ashland](#), home of the [Paramount Arts Center](#), which hosts an impressive variety of musical and theatrical performances.

Stops along the trail include [Renfro Valley](#) where you can visit the [Kentucky Music Hall of Fame and Museum](#), which honors native Kentucky musicians such as Bill Monroe, the father of bluegrass music; pop singer Rosemary Clooney; jazz great Lionel Hampton; the Everly Brothers; and many others. While in Renfro Valley, be sure to take in a show at the [Renfro Valley Entertainment Center](#), which has wowed audiences with live country, gospel and bluegrass music and comedy for 65 years.

A portion of the Kentucky Music Trail includes 144 miles along U.S. 23, which is a designated national scenic byway known as [Country Music Highway](#). The byway runs almost the entire length of eastern Kentucky and has been home to more than a dozen well-known country music stars including Loretta Lynn, Crystal Gayle, Dwight Yoakum, Ricky Skaggs, Tom T. Hall, The Judds, Patty Loveless and Billy Ray Cyrus. Unique venues along the byway include the [Mountain Arts Center](#), home to the [Kentucky Opry](#); the [Mountain Home Place](#); and [Jenny Wiley State Resort Park](#).

Round out your trip by heading northwest to [Owensboro](#), home to the world’s only [International Bluegrass Music Museum](#). Interactive, hands-on guided tours allow visitors to discover and enjoy Kentucky’s rich bluegrass music heritage.

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